

in the 10th (current) Plan was for 444 Locomotives. There has, however, been a sharp increase in traffic and the likely acquisition to meet traffic demand shall be 619 Diesel Locomotives.

(b) 469 Diesel Locomotives have been manufactured till 31.3.2006. 150 diesel Locomotives are planned to be manufactured during the year 2006-07.

Procedure of filling the vacancies

390. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procedures of filling vacancies in Indian Railways; and

(b) the details of job advertisements given, number of vacancies filled and number of vacancies vacant for the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Vacancies in the Railway Establishments are filled up by direct recruitment from open market through Railway Recruitment Boards in Group 'C' and by Zonal Recruitment Cells in Group 'D' categories. General Managers have been empowered to fill up vacancies as per their requirement keeping in view guidelines of Government of India as regards rightsizing of manpower.

(b) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Extension of train

†391. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to extend the train running between Nagpur to Jabalpur to Allahabad is being considered by the Railways;

(b) if so, by when the said train would be extended to Allahabad; and

(c) the reasons for delay, so far, in extending the said train upto Allahabad?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Vocational training centres in Madhya Pradesh

†392. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 10 vocational training centres are being run in Madhya Pradesh presently with the help of the Central Government;

(b) the financial aid extended by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh from 2004 to 2006; and

(c) the financial aid proposed to be extended to Madhya Pradesh during the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Eight Industrial Training Institutes in the States of Madhya Pradesh that are under the administrative and financial control of the State Government have been taken up for upgradation into Centres of excellence, under the Labour Ministry's scheme of "upgradation of ITIs into Centres of Excellence". In addition, Ministry of SSI runs the Indo German Room at Indore and a workshop in the Branch Small Industries Service Institute at Gwalior, to provide technical training.

(b) During the financial year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 92.30 lac was released as Central share.

(c) During the financial year 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 393.00 lac is likely to be released.

MSMED Act, 2006

393. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has enacted the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006' with a view to benefit Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);

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